

**UTAH HEALTH DATA COMMITTEE UPDATES**  
**By the Committee's Staff - Office of Health Care Statistics**  
**Utah Department of Health**  
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***Health Data Committee has three new members:*** Dr. Kim Bateman from Ephraim Medical Clinic is the new Physician Representative; Ms. Annette Herman from United Healthcare is the HMO Representative; and Professor Leslie Francis from the University of Utah Department of Philosophy is the new Academic Public Health Representative. For more information Contact Wu Xu at [wxu@doh.state.ut.us](mailto:wxu@doh.state.ut.us).

***HDC Quality Advisory Committee*** met on July 2 to set up priorities for staff to analyze the available data and produce reports for health care providers, public health programs, consumers, researchers, and policy makers. The committee identified 15 reports to be produced periodically, with frequency ranging from annually to once every 5-year. Contact Greg Poulsen at 801-442-3374; email [cogpouls@ihc.com](mailto:cogpouls@ihc.com), or Gulzar Shah at 538-9944; e-mail [gshah@doh.state.ut.us](mailto:gshah@doh.state.ut.us).

***Data Drives Improvement in Patient Safety.*** The report on Adverse Events Related to Medical Care in Utah, 1995-99 was released at a news conference on June 6 at the VA Medical Center. Also released at this news conference was other information about the Patient Safety Task Force and two new UDOH patient safety rules that will go into effect this fall. Looking at Utah data is a first step in improving the safety of Utah's health care system. For more information about the report, contact Gulzar Shah [gshah@doh.state.ut.us](mailto:gshah@doh.state.ut.us). For information about the rule, contact Lyle Odendahl, Legal Counsel at 801-538-6878.

***2001 HMO Enrollee Satisfaction Survey*** Enrollee satisfaction surveys for both Medicaid and Commercial HMOs are completed. The results show that enrollees' overall satisfaction is higher for Medicaid HMOs than for Commercial plans. Compared to UDOH's 1999 survey results, both Medicaid and Commercial HMO survey results show a slight decline in enrollee satisfaction in most core areas - rating of health plan, rating quality of care, rating personal doctor or nurse, getting needed care quickly, and communication with doctors. DataStat, this year's contracted vendor, will visit Utah Department of Health on July 11th and provide a presentation on the overall survey process. Contact Chung-won Lee at [clew@doh.state.ut.us](mailto:clew@doh.state.ut.us).

***2000 Utah Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data:*** The compilation and editing of this data is nearly complete. Hospitals will receive the tabulations of their own 2000 data for verification in mid July. For more information contact John Morgan at (801) 538-6700 or [jmorgan@doh.state.ut.us](mailto:jmorgan@doh.state.ut.us).

***Next Health Data Committee's meeting*** is on Monday, September 10, 2001, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Cannon Health Building Room 125. For more information call Janet Scarlet at (801) 538-7048 or [jscarlet@doh.state.ut.us](mailto:jscarlet@doh.state.ut.us).

**What's New on the HDC Web Site Since May 14, 2001**  
**[www.healthdata.state.ut.us](http://www.healthdata.state.ut.us)**

*Medicaid HMO Enrollees with Special Health Care Needs*  
*Results of the 1999 survey of children and adults enrolled in 5 Medicaid HMOs*  
[http://hlunix.hl.state.ut.us/hda/consumer\\_publications/specialneeds.pdf](http://hlunix.hl.state.ut.us/hda/consumer_publications/specialneeds.pdf)

*Adverse Events Related to Medical Care, Utah: 1995-1999*  
[http://hlunix.hl.state.ut.us/hda/Reports/adverse\\_events.pdf](http://hlunix.hl.state.ut.us/hda/Reports/adverse_events.pdf)

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